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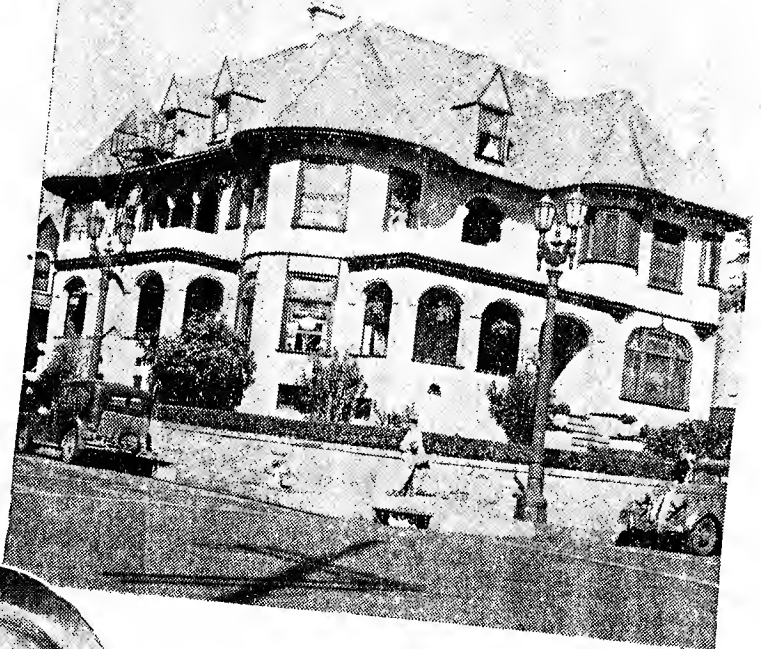


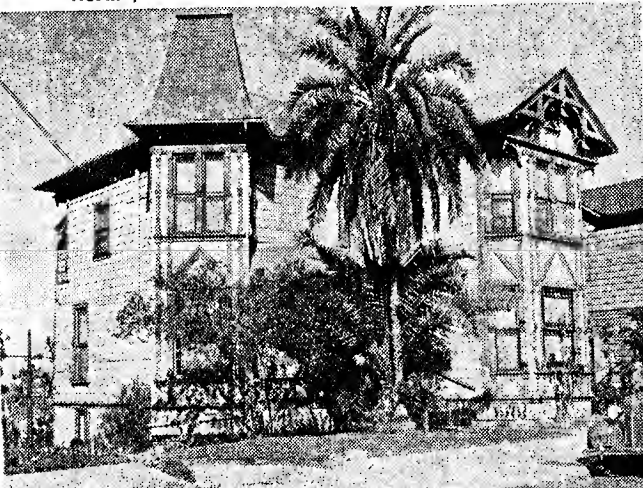
Photo shows the old Myra Hershey home on the hill. Miss Hershey, a philanthropist, contributed heavily to Hollywood Bowl and built Myra Hershey Dormitory at U.C.L.A.



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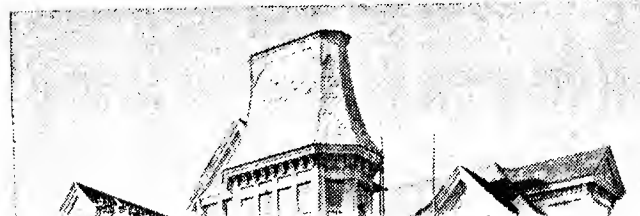
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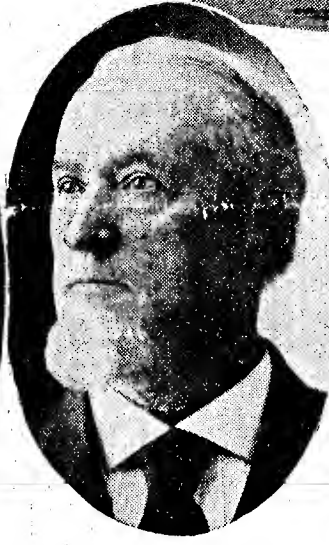


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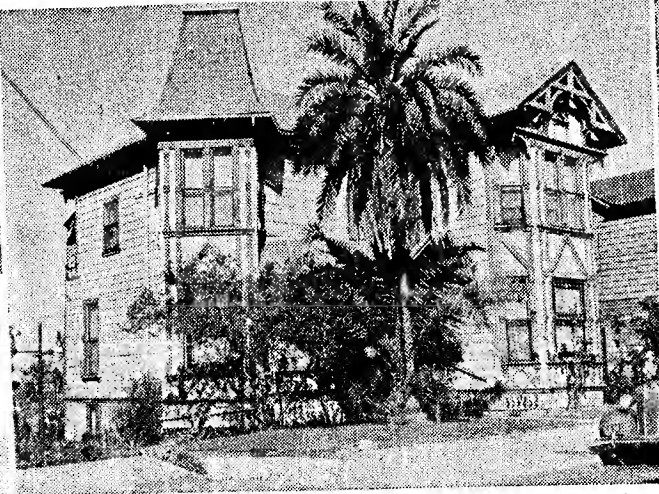
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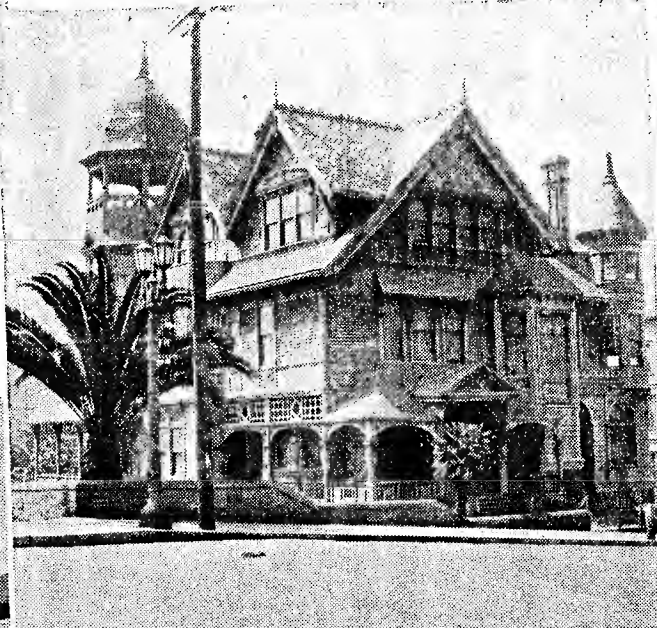
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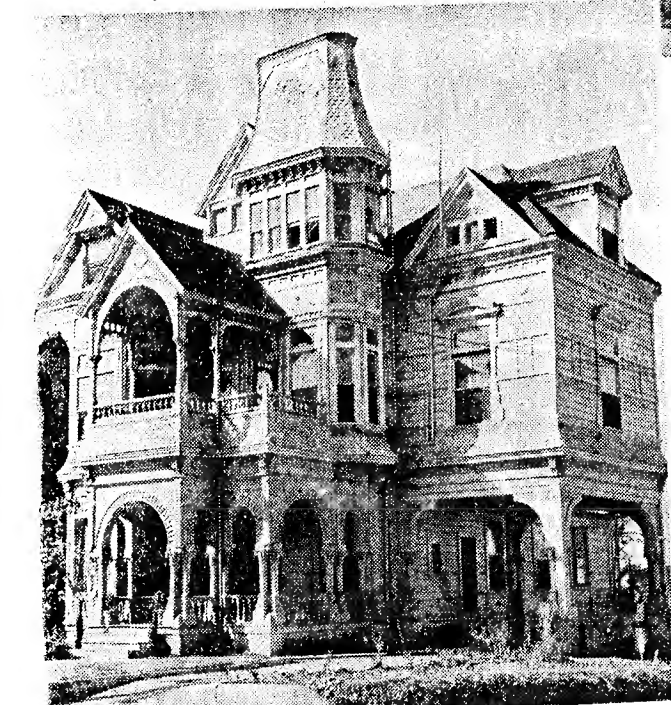
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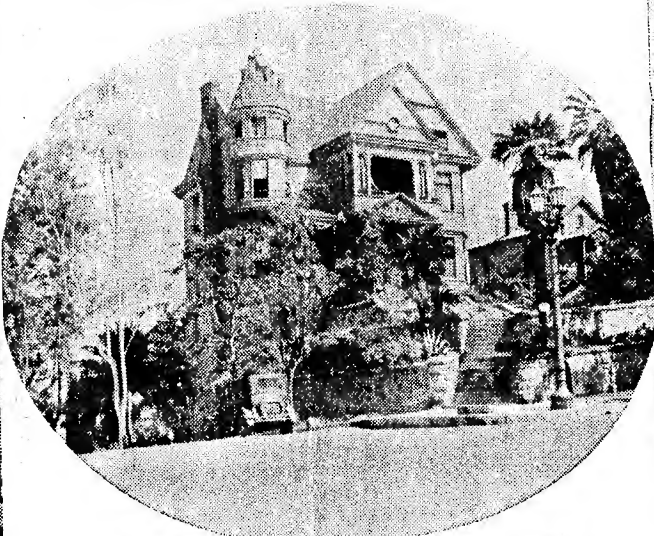
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Still standing is this 20-room home built by D. F. Donnigan, early-day grading contractor. Bunker Hill homes were ostentatious in the best "Nineties" style, with cupolas, carved woodwork, ornamental shingles and fancy porches.



High on the hill stands the mansion of Dr. Edward Hildreth, at Fourth and Hope. Dr. Hildreth was a retired clergyman from Chicago. Bunker Hill rises from the downtown district, yet its steep hills have isolated it as an "island from the past."



Once a splendid mansion, the old Judge Brosseau residence on South Bunker Hill avenue is pictured above. It was said that fine carriages lined up for blocks when the Brosseaus entertained. The fire escape now indicates it has become a rooming house.